

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

THE REPORTED DISCOVERY OF GOLD IN SOUTH AFRICA is causing great excitement in Europe, and is likely to enhance the value of African colonies of the various European powers.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT has been officially advised that Geronimo, the vociferous and cheerful cut-throat of the booming Southwest, desires to surrender—not to the United States, but to Mexico.

NO CHINESE BANK has failed in 500 years. When a Pekin bank fails, they treat the president with real tender consideration. They carefully and quietly remove the outer cuticle previous to extinguishing the vital spark.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS show that a man's life is in less danger from jumping off the Brooklyn bridge, or swimming through Niagara whirlpool in a cork suit or a barrel, than it is by being a bloody bomb-throwing anarchist.

GLASS FLOORS are coming into very general use in Paris. Although they cost more at first, they are found cheaper in the end. The rooms below can often dispense with artificial light, and there is far less fire risk. Glass, too, will outwear wood many times.

PRESIDENT GREY is allowed 300,000 francs yearly for traveling expenses, but as his traveling amounts to one summer trip to his villa at Montreux Vaudry, his annual saving from that source, according to the *Gazette de France*, amounts to 299,955 francs, or for the total length of his term, to 5,388,297 francs.

SOME CURIOUS SANITARY DOINGS are reported from Brooklyn. At night showers of large stones fall upon a row of houses occupied by filthy tenants, doing much damage, and sometimes injuring children. No one can tell where the stones come from, and the police are baffled. It is supposed that the missiles are thrown from an engine. The darkness prevents their being seen until they are in the air.

CHINA, IT IS RUMORED, is about to exert sufficient pressure on American citizens doing business in its domain to compel the United States government to pay \$140,000 damages for the outrages inflicted upon citizens of China by lawless individuals on the Pacific coast about seven months ago. A bill granting this amount of indemnity passed the Senate in the late session of Congress, but it failed to go through the House.

THE NEW COMPLETE SEVERN TUNNEL is not only pronounced one of the greatest engineering works of the age, but remarkable also in one feature of its construction, namely, that of passing under an arm of the sea. The tunnel extends from New Passage to Portkneel, a distance of about two and one-half miles under the water, its entire length, exclusive of approaches, being about four and one-half miles, requiring thirteen years to build.

AN OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, sent by General Mackenzie to investigate the army of Mexico, reports a standing force of 40,000 men, divided between four great military districts. Ten new batteries of field guns have of late years been imported from France. There is a factory for small arms near the capital. The officers come from the National Military School at Chapultepec, and the rank and file are the lowest of the peons. The food supply is the simplest in the world.

COLONEL DAVID FERGUSON, of Washington, who has lately returned from Mexico, says of that country: "The climate is mild and invigorating, and the society in the centers cultivated and agreeable. No where on the earth are the better classes of people more kindly disposed, or capable of truer or more lasting friendships. The domestic life is gentle and pure. The arts and sciences are cultivated to a degree not conceived of in this country. The professional man's course at the university is, as a rule, very thorough."

A NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT says: "It seems that the outbreak at Chicago was only a ripple on the outskirts of the whole business. For years the excited nihilists and outlaws of the old world have been quietly gathering and perfecting their organization in our great metropolis. They have been manufacturing explosives and storing them for future use. They are now engaged in collecting recruits and educating them up to the proper pitch of reckless hardihood and devilry."

IN 1871 ERNEST KLOOK married Anna Young. Klook attended the centennial in 1876, and after five years' absence his wife saw his death notice in the papers. In time she accepted F. C. Kind as her second husband, and lived happily together until a few days ago, when the first husband appeared. The two husbands settled the difficulty by No. 2 paying No. 1 \$200. Ernest received the money, kissed the children, shook hands with his sponsor, nodded to his ex-wife and went to St. Louis.

A PROMINENT PHYSICIAN, speaking of special baths and their uses, mentions the sponge bath, the form of bathing where the water is applied to the surface through the medium of cloth or sponge, no part of the body being plunged in the water. He says the practice of systematic, daily sponge bathing is one giving untold benefits to the followers. He advises persons not over strong, subject to frequent colds from slight exposure, or afflicted with catarrh, sore throat, etc., to take a sponge bath every morning.

BULGARIAN MUDDLE.

Seems Likelier Every Day to Make Very Serious Trouble.

The Russian Press Demanding the Immediate Occupation of Bulgaria. While the Military Authorities are Said to be Making Extensive Preparations for Offensive Operations.

VIENNA, Aug. 27.—It is rumored that Russia is making extensive military and naval preparations, and has ordered the movement of the fleet toward the Roumanian coast. It is also rumored that the Berlin and Vienna Courts are making strenuous efforts through Prince Alexander's father to dissuade Alexander from returning to Bulgaria. The Russian press demands the immediate occupation of Bulgaria.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The reply of the Czar to the address sent him by the Zankoff Government is frigidly worded, although he promises to protect Bulgaria. The Czar has received replies from the various powers to his circular announcing Prince Alexander's deposition. The reply of Italy in addition recognizes the Czar's right to protest against the deposition of Prince Alexander. Copies of the resolutions were forwarded to the foreign ministers. A meeting at Kassel, Roumelia, sent a telegram to the Czar begging him to continue to extend his protection to the Bulgarians. The Czar, in answer, assured them of his good will toward the Bulgarians if they would maintain the status quo.

HARD FATE.

A Maryland Convict Whose Twelve-Year Term Is Concluded Is to Be Transferred For Another Period to Massachusetts.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 27.—David Peyton, a convict in the Maryland penitentiary under a sentence of twelve years for burglary, will be sent to Massachusetts tomorrow morning. He will not step out of his cell a free man, however. Deputy Sheriff Roseman will be present with a warrant from the Governor of Massachusetts charging Peyton with being an escaped convict from the State prison at Andover, Mass. The deputy will turn him over to Officer Joseph A. Moore, of Boston, and he will be taken to the State prison at Andover. The deputy will turn him over to Officer Joseph A. Moore, of Boston, and he will be taken to the State prison at Andover.

SAD END OF A VACATION.

A Young Philadelphian Drowned in Sight of His Betrothed.

ASBURY PARK, Aug. 27.—Styloonus Carr, of Germantown, Pa., was drowned at Ocean Grove yesterday afternoon. Mr. Carr was about 25 years of age and was spending a vacation here with his fiancée, Miss Carrie Carr. He was a good swimmer, but was overcome by a sudden attack of heart disease. He was found floating in the water, and his body was recovered by the lifeguards. His betrothed was with him at the time, and she was severely shocked.

Caught in a Theater and Killed.

DEQUOIN, ILL., Aug. 27.—Yesterday afternoon, while working a threshing machine on a farm about seven miles south of Benton, Franklin County, Illinois, a man named Wm. Odie, who was feeding the threshing machine, was struck by lightning and killed. He was about 30 years of age and was married. He was found lying on the ground, and his body was recovered by the neighbors. His death was a great loss to his family.

Cooked by an Electric Flash.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Aug. 27.—During a thunder shower this evening a five-year-old son of Anton Tsem, of the St. Joseph police force, was struck by lightning and fatally injured. His mother, who was in the back yard with him, was shocked, but not seriously. The little fellow had gone out during a hail, and was wandering over a tub of water. The electric current went into the back of his head, and down his spinal column and the right limb into the ground. The flesh over which the current passed turned black and almost ready to drop from the bone.

Attempted Eviction Failed.

DUBLIN, Aug. 27.—An attempt was made to enforce evictions at Donabough, County Cork, yesterday, but the police, aided by a detachment of soldiers, and one eviction was accomplished, when the people attacked the police and military with stones, and the hearing of the case before the Supreme Court. The hearing of three Chinamen, which was also to have occurred, has been postponed for the same reason.

Four St. Louis Nangings Postponed.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Aug. 27.—The hanging of Maxwell, the murderer of Freiler, which was to have occurred to-day, has been postponed until November 15, a stay having been granted, pending the hearing of his case before the Supreme Court. The hanging of three Chinamen, which was also to have occurred, has been postponed for the same reason.

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AN AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

The Flood in Wundulay Drove 25,000,000 Damaged and One Thousand People Lost Their Lives by It.

MALAYAL, Aug. 24.—One of the embankments of the Irrawaddy river burst in this city yesterday. The break was three hundred yards in length and so rapid was the flow of water that in a few minutes the whole district was flooded from four to twenty feet deep. Engineers at once cut the dam south of the city to allow the waters to subside, but the result of this movement is as yet unknown. Fifty thousand persons are to-day homeless in the city, their houses and possessions having been either submerged or destroyed. A number of persons were killed by the sudden rush of waters—how many has not yet been ascertained. The flooded district has within its territory many of the food supplies stores, and all of these were swept away. The result will be an approach to famine among the homeless population of the city. The British military operations are interfered with by the overflow. The damage done by the flood already amounts to \$5,000,000. Many dead bodies are being carried down the river. It is estimated that 1,000 persons lost their lives in the flood.

FISHERY MATTERS.

Canadians Give Notice of What They Intend Doing.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 24.—Captain Scott, Admiral of the Canadian fishery protection fleet, will command the new steam cruiser Arcadia. She is being fitted out, and a crew is being collected. She carries one brass gun, probably a nine-pounder. She will sail about Monday next. The Minister of Customs is determined that the new ship should not be used for anything but fishing. "As far as it is my power, I am going to see that no customs or other infringements are permitted, and that the officers of all the cruisers use their endeavors to prevent violations."

A Horrible Crime.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Kate Stalb, a German nurse, set fire to her room in the basement of the house No. 316 East Eighth street. The owner, Edward Murray, who lives in the house, smelled the smoke and traced it to her door. When he entered her room to put out the fire he discovered the body of a newly-born child on the charred and burning bed, half-consumed by the flames. Examination showed a deep cut on the child's head that had killed it. The police put the woman under arrest and summoned the coroner. Appearance indicates that Catherine Stalb killed her child and attempted to chop it up for the purpose of cremating it in her kitchen stove, and found it, even mutilating it too large, and so built a funeral pyre of the pillow on her bed and lighted it on the floor.

American Loss and Canadian Gain.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Collector Stone, today, received a communication from Secretary Fairchild, announcing the perfect legality of the recent action of the Canadian government in taking on board passengers at Cleveland and giving them tickets to Windsor, and upon quitting that place giving them new tickets to Chicago, thus evading the United States statute prohibiting foreign vessels engaging in the American coastwise passenger carrying business except upon payment of \$2 per passenger. The decision opens a new field to the Canadian steamers, especially those running between Montreal and Chicago, and it is presumed they will do a flourishing business hereafter.

Military Activity in Ireland.

DUBLIN, Aug. 24.—The Carrigan of Kildare, the great plain owned by the British Crown in the heart of Kildare County, and used for military purposes, is the scene of unusual activity at present. The place is being put in readiness to receive five additional regiments of infantry and four additional regiments of cavalry. These fresh troops are to be used in connection with the work of evicting during the coming winter. The authorities expect that the default in the rents among the Irish peasantry this winter will be unusually great, and that the present force in Ireland will, unless much strengthened, prove totally inadequate to the work of protecting the interests of the landlords.

Echoes From the Texas Storm.

GALVESTON, Aug. 24.—A special to the News from Victoria says: "Additional news of the destructive force of last Friday's storm are constantly being received. The latest address report is loss of Captain William Moore, wife and five children, and his brother, Dolph Moore, wife and three children, the former residing at Deming's Bridge and the latter at Elliott. They came down Matagorda Bay Thursday evening to visit friends on Matagorda Peninsula. On the same evening the party left the shore at the mouth of the Colorado river, and the vessel was discovered in the bay bottom upwards."

Prince Alexander a Prisoner.

BUCHAREST, Aug. 24.—After a long trip up the coast the yacht bearing Prince Alexander landed at Reni, in Russian territory, and he was taken ashore a prisoner. Reni is in Bessarabia, at the confluence of the Pruth and Danube rivers, and has a population of about eight thousand. Bessarabia adjoins Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian Crisis.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—The *Times*, discussing the Bulgarian crisis, asks what England will do and says: "In view of her general attitude toward Russia in Asia and India we do not believe that England will withdraw from her position. That would prove a serious event to Europe. It would mean a decisive triumph of the reign of force and a most crushing defeat of the cause of liberty throughout the world."

Exports and Imports.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The value of merchandise exported from the United States during the month of July was \$23,723,707, and of imports to the United States \$25,430,759. In July, 1909, exports amounted to \$24,723,088, and imports \$26,114,855. Last July 31,945 immigrants arrived in this country, against 27,469 in July, 1909.

Disorder in Roumania.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The *Daily Telegraph* says: "It stated that a sanguinary encounter has taken place among the troops at Jassy, Roumania, resulting in the killing and wounding of many on both sides."

Disastrous Explosions.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 24.—Two explosions of gas occurred at the Short Mountain colliery at Lykens yesterday afternoon, which killed twenty men seriously. Jas. B. Bateman, the foreman, was fatally injured. No deaths have yet occurred. The explosions were caused by lighting a lamp in the air hole.

The Next Bond Call.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—It is probable that another call for \$15,000,000 three per cent will be made during the second week of September.

SUB-MARINE TRAVEL.

The Trip of an Iron Vessel Under Water.

Successful Trial of an Invention Patented after Jule Verne's Deep Sea Monster.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—A sub-marine torpedo boat, invented by Professor J. H. L. Tuck, was yesterday tested, and proved a practical success, in the presence of a large party of gentlemen interested. They went aboard the steamer Chance Shot, at Eighty-sixth street, North river. The sub-marine vessel lay like a gigantic turtle, lashed to the steamer's side. She has been christened "The Peacemaker." She is thirty feet long, with a breadth of beam of eight and a half feet, and a depth of seven and a half feet. The bow and stern taper off from amidships, and the forward end of the vessel is surmounted by a dome twelve inches high, which is set with glass, and just large enough for the pilot to get a head view. Admission to the boat is through a circular scuttle abaft of the dome. At the stern there is a propeller and a rudder of ordinary fashion, and two horizontal rudders with which the boat may be deflected up or down. The interior is half filled with machinery and mechanical devices, including a powerful little Westinghouse engine. Compressed air is stored in six-inch pipes running around the interior, and arrangements are made by which all may be supplied by chemicals. A gauge registers the depth of the vessel beneath the surface. Light is given off by incandescent electric lamps. Captain Hollister, of the English Kline ship, slipped into the iron hull and fastened the air-tight scuttle. Then the Captain's head appeared in the look-out dome and the iron fish started up the river. She had not gone one hundred feet before she slipped her nose into the water, and gradually slipped out sight beneath the ruffled surface. The spectators anxiously watched the spot where she disappeared for three minutes, when she reappeared about a quarter of a mile to leeward and headed toward them. The Captain's head was coming down the river only a few hundred feet above, and her captain was much surprised at the sudden appearance of the iron monster. He tooted his whistle vigorously and put his wheel hard astop, whereat the torpedo boat kicked up its heels and again disappeared. The "Peacemaker" reached a depth of forty feet, and then, as designed to use two torpedoes, attached together by a chain and fastened to corked magnets, which will attach themselves to the iron or steel sheathing of a vessel to be destroyed. They are to be fired by electricity after the torpedo boat has reached the safety distance. Professor Tuck is working on a device by which he claims the occupants of a boat will be enabled to leave it a depth of forty feet and return again in safety. Patents on the submarine vessel have been secured in the United States and throughout Europe.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

A Passenger Train Dashes Into a Freight Train—Lives Lost.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 25.—Vague information has been received of a terrible collision which occurred between ten and eleven o'clock to-night, at the crossing of the Bee Line and Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati railroads, at Milford Center. A Pan-Handle freight was standing on the track when a Bee Line through passenger train from Cincinnati dashed into it at full speed. The marshal of Milford and a citizen standing near by were struck by debris, and the marshal killed and the citizen seriously injured. One passenger was instantly killed and several severely wounded. The driver of the passenger is missing, and it is thought he is beneath the wreck. Among the killed in the wreck at Milford to-night was Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Sam Landon of the Ohio House, whose home was in Marysville.

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THE TWO REPUBLICS.

Extradition Treaty Between the United States and Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—A well-kept diplomatic and executive secret, to which interest is given by the possibility of a request being made by the United States for the extradition treaty between the United States and Mexico is now awaiting final action by the Mexican Congress, having been accepted, with amendments, by the United States, in June of this year. The treaty provides that the surrender to either country shall be at the discretion of the Executive, whenever a notorious crime has been committed. This treaty, although approved by both nations, still lacks the final Mexican sanction to render it operative. The only significance of the treaty is the indication of a disposition on the part of the United States to maintain such relations with Mexico. Mexico already has this authority to surrender a notorious criminal, but the United States has no such power without this treaty. When Mexico has voluntarily surrendered such prisoners, the United States has only accepted the action with an understanding that no obligation to reciprocate was involved.

TURKEY EXCITED.

Over the Belief that Russia Intends to Occupy Bulgaria.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The *Morning Post* has a dispatch from Stambul saying: "The greatest excitement prevails here, owing to a belief that Russia intends to occupy Bulgaria. The military department is in a state of feverish activity. Orders have been given to recruit 30,000 men in Syria. The *Standard's* Berlin correspondent says: Empress William, on hearing of the seizure and kidnapping of Prince Alexander, wrote a sharp letter to the Czar, expressing amazement and indignation."

Crushed Under a Wagon.

CENTRALIA, ILL., Aug. 25.—Squire James J. Chambers, aged about sixty years, an old pioneer farmer of Clinton County, residing three miles south-west of here, was instantly killed in this city this morning. He brought a load of wood to town, and while passing through an alley to deliver it the wagon struck an obstruction, throwing him to the ground at the heels of the horses, and the front wheels passed over his breast. His son Thomas was ahead of him a short distance, and he was hurled back, and hurled back to his assistance. The father looked up into his son's eyes and told him he was dying, and before medical aid could be procured he expired.

What the Farmers Want.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Aug. 25.—The Farmers' Congress, meeting at St. Paul, Minn., adopted a report in which the Government is asked to extend the Signal Service to all places reached by telegram. They recommended an appropriation of \$3,000,000 to stamp out contagious diseases among domestic animals, and request the Secretary of State to instruct the Ministers to Germany and France to use all proper means to prevent restrictions upon American farm products, properly inspected and shipped.

Singular Accident.

DEXTER, MO., Aug. 25.—A terrible accident happened at a sawmill, located at Buffington, twelve miles east of here, a man by the name of Baines being struck in the left side by a piece of timber thrown from a saw. The timber which was smaller at one end than the other, entered his side, just below the nipple, and penetrated him through and through, coming out on the other side. The timber was removed by physicians. The doctors have no hope of his recovery, but he is yet alive and seems to be getting along very well.

Young Lady Swims Niagara.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Miss Jeanette Larkie, a handsome young lady of Youngstown, swam the Niagara river below the falls, and her feat was a great feat. She was accompanied by Wm. Wilkinson, and the distance was about a mile and a half. Miss Larkie reached the Canadian shore with very little exhaustion and seemed perfectly fresh, although her companion was very tired. This is the first time a lady has accomplished the feat of swimming the river at this point.

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A RULER DEPOSED.

The Bulgarian Czar Alexander I. to Abdicate His Throne—He Successfully Complies—The Czar's Sympathy Bought on Bended Knee—Causes Which Led to the Revolution.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Aug. 25.—The popular troops quartered in the capital surrounded the palace early Saturday morning. Prince Alexander I. abdicated and was escorted over the frontier. There was no disorder. The populace then assembled and adopted a resolution praying the Czar to extend his sympathy to the Bulgarian people. The assembly proceeded to the palace of the Russian agent and submitted to him the resolutions, all kneeling. The agent assured them of the Czar's friendship. The following provisional Government has been formed. Prime Minister, Mgr. Clement; Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Stojanoff; Minister of the Interior, M. Zankoff; Minister of Finance, M. Kiselev; Minister of War, M. Kiselev; Minister of Justice, M. Radelavoff; Minister of Education, M. Velichoff.

The people are tranquil. The city is gayly decorated with flags. The Provisional Government has issued a proclamation announcing the formal abdication of Prince Alexander, who renounces the throne forever, being convinced that his reign would be but a long